

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1014

Introduced by Assembly Member Canciamilla

February 20, 2003

An act to add Section 525.5 to the Harbors and Navigation Code, relating to vessels.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1014, as introduced, Canciamilla. Vessels: abandonment.

Existing law prohibits any person from abandoning a vessel upon a public waterway or public or private property without the express or implied consent of the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the property, except as specified. The abandonment of any vessel in this manner is prima facie evidence that the last registered owner of record, not having notified the appropriate registration or documenting agency of any relinquishment of title or interest therein, is responsible for the abandonment and is thereby liable for the cost of removal and disposition of the vessel. A violation of this prohibition is an infraction and is punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,500.

This bill would authorize a public agency to accept title to and possession of a recreational vessel if delivered to the public agency by the owner in lieu of abandoning the vessel as described under existing law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 525.5 is added to the Harbors and
- 2 Navigation Code, to read:
- 3 525.5. A public agency may accept title to and possession of
- 4 a recreational vessel if delivered to the public agency by the owner
- 5 in lieu of abandoning the vessel as described in Section 525.

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